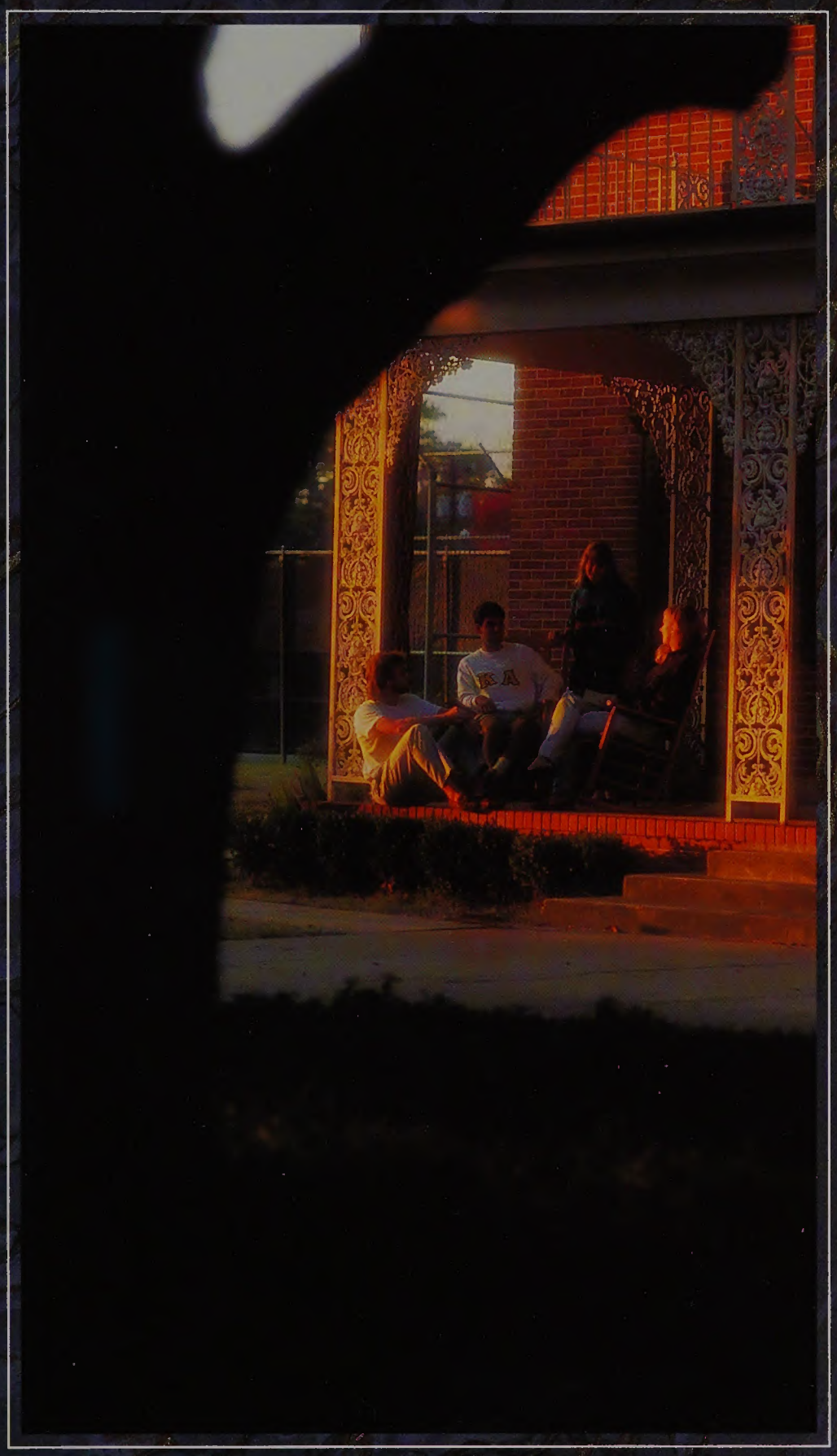
Centenary College of Louisiana

Viewbook

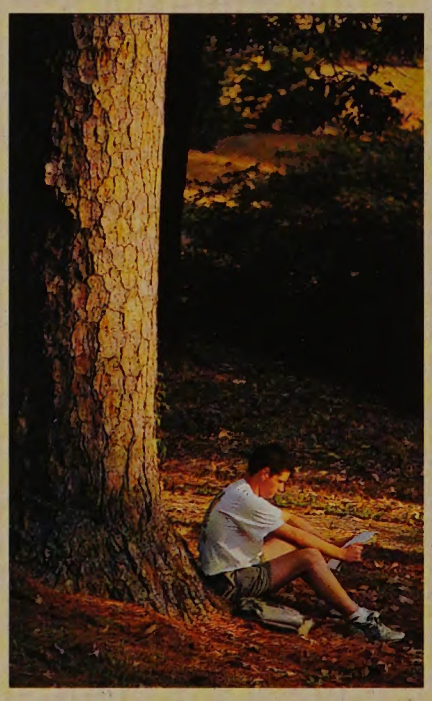
Centenary is for students who are looking for something more than a marketable degree. A stimulating environment, where you're encouraged not simply to memorize facts but to exchange ideas with others, and to think critically. Exposure to different viewpoints, challenges to old assumptions. The chance to be broadened by new experiences. A commitment to help you grow as a person.



The Importance of a Liberal Education

Our primary goal at Centenary is to show you not just how to make a living, but how to live. To enable you to do anything, rather than something.

Just as we have for more than 165 years, we hold steadfastly to the belief that the best preparation for any endeavor is a solid education in the liberal arts. The student who has a grasp of history and literature, who is conversant in the sciences and philosophy, who has learned to write and speak clearly, is better equipped to succeed than one who has merely trained for a specific job.

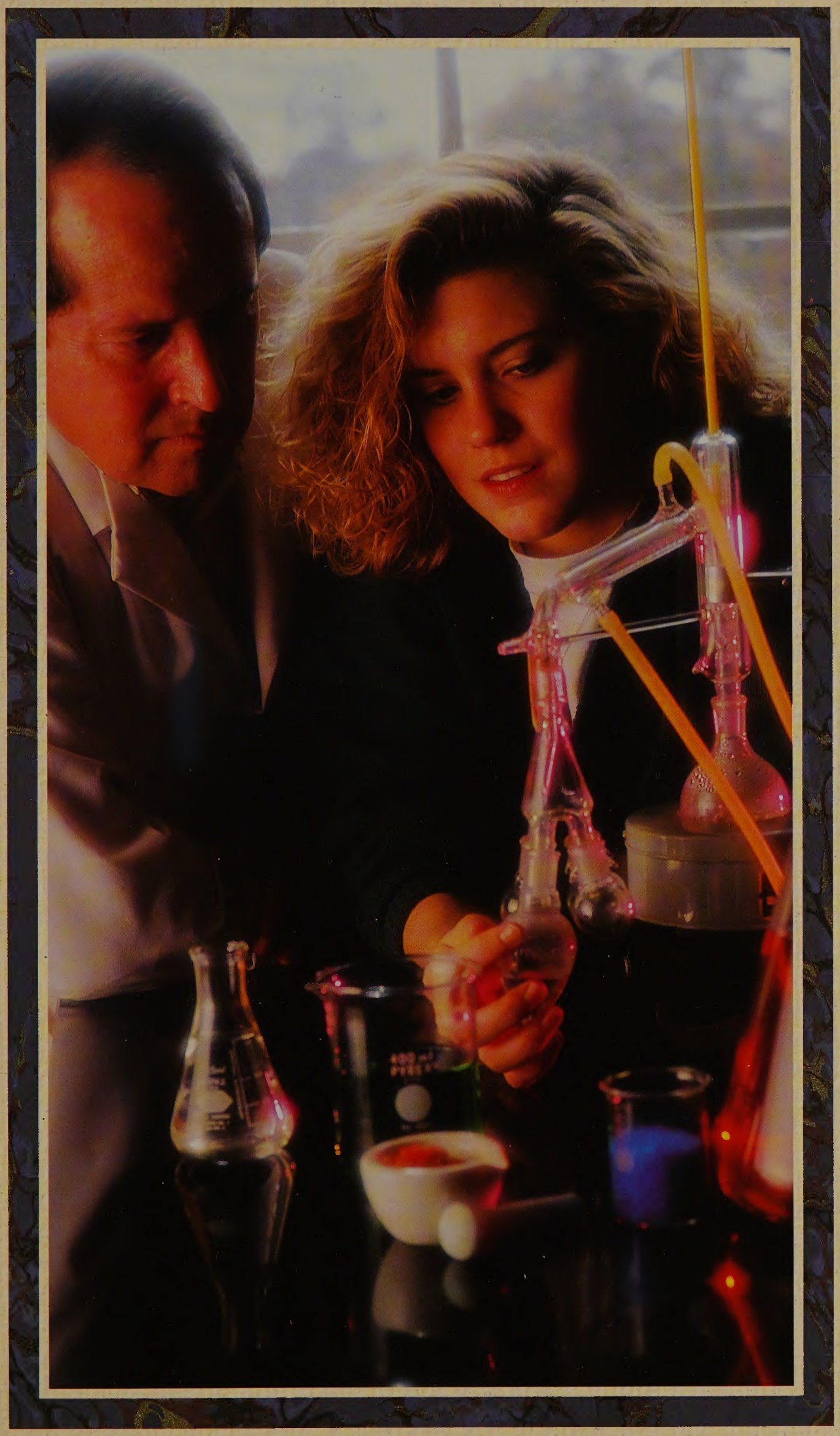


The statistics would seem to bear that out. Though small liberal arts colleges turn out fewer than 10 percent of the nation's graduates, they have produced 60 percent of the chief executive officers of America's major corporations, and 95 percent of the CEOs of the nation's largest banks.

But the value of a liberal education is measured by more than achievement alone. It is a life-changing experience. A Centenary student put it this way: "My professors made us feel as well as think, and challenged us to reach for a higher level of awareness, a more intense curiosity, and a broader, more compassionate worldview."

"The educated man is to be discovered by his point of view, by the temper of his mind, by his attitude towards life and his fair way of thinking. . . . He is more apt to contribute light than heat to a discussion; he has the knowledge of the world which no one can have who knows only his own generation or only his own task."

—Woodrow Wilson



The Value of a Centenary Degree

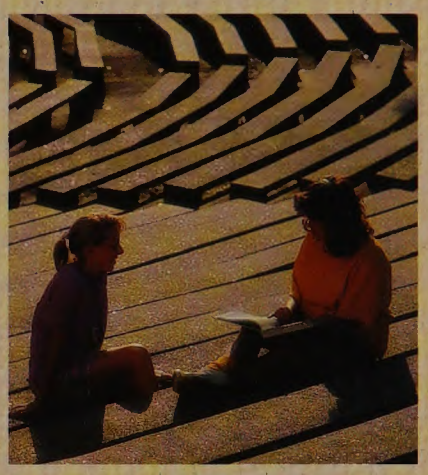
By employers as well as graduate and professional schools, Centenary graduates are held in extremely high demand.

In 1990, 100 percent of the college's pre-med graduates went on to medical schools – more than double the national average – and 100 percent of Centenary's pre-law graduates were accepted into the law schools of their choice. The school has been cited in the prestigious publication, "Peterson's Competitive Colleges," whose listings are based on actual student achievement.

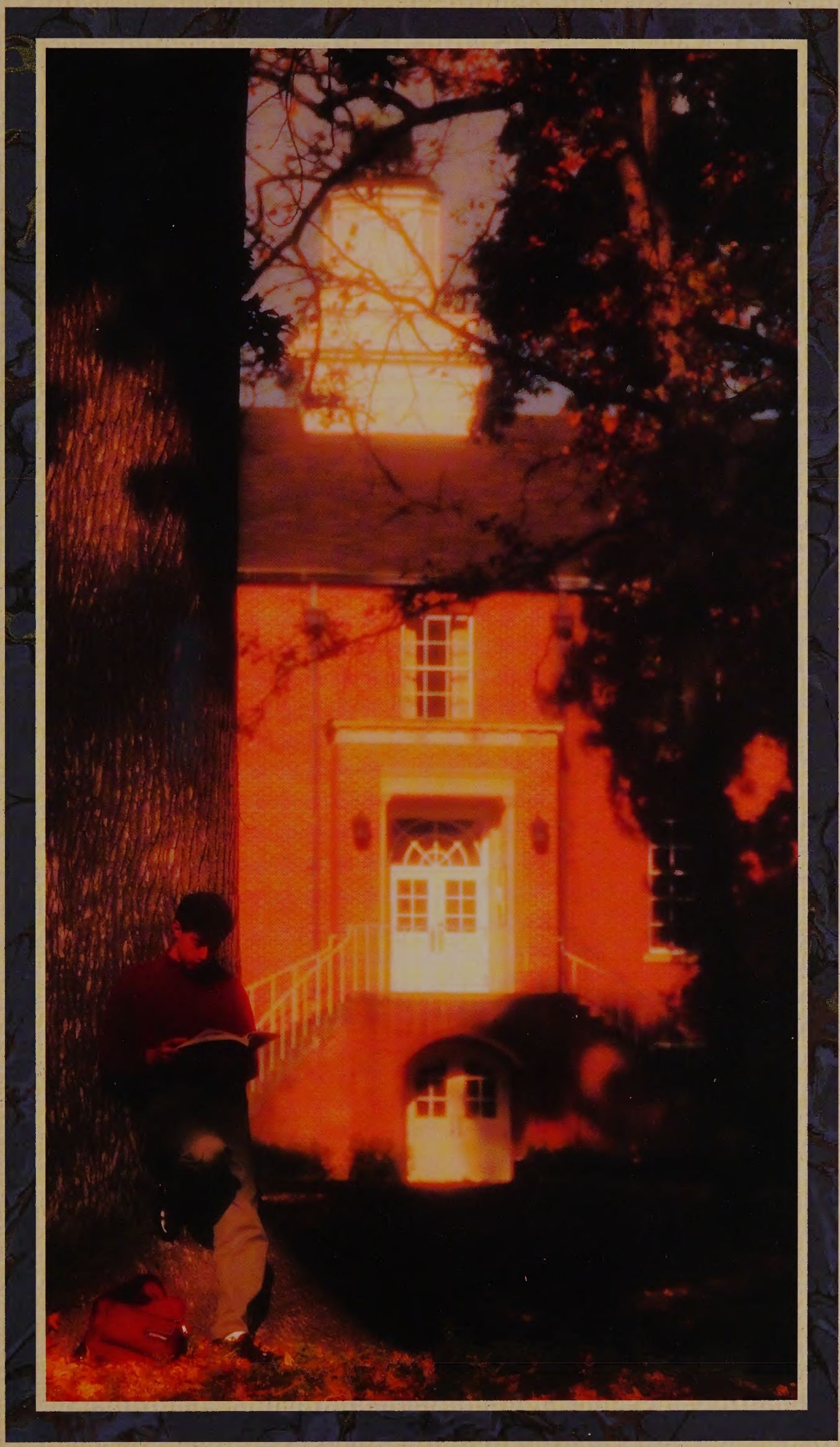
How can students from a small college compete so effectively with graduates who hold specialized degrees from large universities?

In part, it's because our liberal arts emphasis better prepares students for the rigors of graduate schools and the professions. In part, it's because Centenary's small size facilitates more individual instruction. And, in part, it's a reflection of the personal interest that our faculty and staff take in each student, of their commitment to help them succeed.

Together, all these factors make Centenary a singularly enriching experience, both during your college years and for the future.



"I used to wonder if I could compete against people who attended 'big name' schools. Now I know that not only can I compete, but I can outdistance them."
–Pam Sargent, 1973–
Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia



The Imparting of Wisdom

Plato and Aristotle understood well the importance of personal instruction. We think theirs is still a pretty good example to follow.

To ensure that students receive the individual attention they need, Centenary maintains small classes, with an average student-to-faculty ratio of 11-1.

And, unlike many universities, teaching is our faculty's first priority. There are no graduate teaching assistants here; every class is taught by a professor, 86 percent of whom have earned doctorates or the terminal degree in their field.

It's an exceptionally qualified faculty, whose members are among the best in their disciplines. But the most exceptional thing about Centenary's teachers is the vital interest they take in each student's unique journey. Their doors are always open to answer questions, offer advice or just to talk. "I spent a lot of time in the professors' offices my first year," remembered one student. "I don't think I would have done as well at a larger school, where this kind of attention just isn't possible."

"I always felt that my professors cared about me personally. They encouraged me to be a creative thinker. My opinions meant something. More than anything else, I left Centenary with a very positive self-image – that there was nothing I was incapable of achieving if I applied myself."

–Nancy Cooper, Centenary 1976

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A Door to New Horizons

There's a whole world waiting beyond college, a world of new outlooks and experiences. Part of what it means to be a Centenary student is to sample some of the opportunities here to broaden your perspective, to reach out and grow in new directions.

Study abroad at Oxford–or at the University of London School of Economics, or in Denmark, France, Belgium or Quebec.

Try out for Centenary's world-renowned choir, which has performed in Moscow, Paris, London, Peking, Tokyo, New Delhi, and Sydney, among other places.

Closer to home, you can meet distinguished visitors like journalist Charles Kuralt, businessman Ross Perot, author Maya Angelou, and former president Ronald Reagan.

Centenary's outstanding Meadows Museum of Art boasts a famous collection of Indochinese art and has featured works by Picasso, Renoir, Degas, Botticelli, Rubens, Andrew Wyeth, Winslow Homer, Thomas Hart Benton, Georgia O'Keefe and Norman Rockwell.

At the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, the Department of Theatre/Speech stages award-winning productions, one of which was chosen to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington.

"There are things that are known and things that are unknown; in between are doors."

–Anonymous

Not all of the energy here is generated inside the classroom. Far from it. You'll find a range of extra-curricular activities as diverse as your interests and abilities.

For sheer excitement, it's hard to top a Gents' basketball game. Though Centenary is the smallest school competing in the NCAA's Division I, the basketball team is a perennial conference power, and it boasts such famous alums as All-Pro center Robert Parish.

In Centenary's Greek community, you can be involved with everything from sports to service projects to homecoming floats. Get together with other students who share your interests in the school's many clubs, professional and honor societies, and religious organizations.

Work on the *Conglomerate*, our student newspaper, which has been awarded the highest rating by the American Collegiate Press. Play intramural football. Or basketball. Or tennis. Live it up at the Mardi Gras Ball and the Faculty Follies. Learn painting or sculpture. Go sailing on a nearby lake. Join the Film Society. Check out the Red River Revel Arts Festival.

It's all part of campus life at Centenary College.

"There's a heightened sense of everything here: your sense of purpose and achievement, the expectations, the support, and especially of deeper relationships. It's intangible, but you can't help but feel it while you're at Centenary. Even today when I walk on campus I sense the energy."

–Vince Isner, Music, 1976

The Ties That Bind

"Youth is a time for creating the memories we must live with in our old age."
–Anonymous

Long after you say goodbye at graduation, long after the details of the Missouri Compromise and the plays of Moliere are a dimming memory, you'll remember the relationships you establish during your years at Centenary. The friendships you make here–with both teachers and other students–will last for a lifetime. Over the years, they will continue to nurture you intellectually, emotionally and spiritually.

Because of Centenary's small size, there's a special intimacy here. A sense of community. It's easy to make friends. People care about you. They share the journey with you: the hard work, the play, the day-to-day experiences of student life.

Friendships grow from many things at Centenary. They grow from acquaintances made in the dorms, and from paths crossed at the Student Union, the campus' hub of activity. They grow from English classes and chemistry labs. From social clubs and special-interest organizations. They grow from a closeness with professors who regard you as more than just a pupil.

The Centenary experience lasts only four years. But, thanks to the relationships, it will stay with you forever.

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A Distinctive Commitment

Ours is a supportive, nurturing environment. People care about you here. And they'll continue to help you along the way.

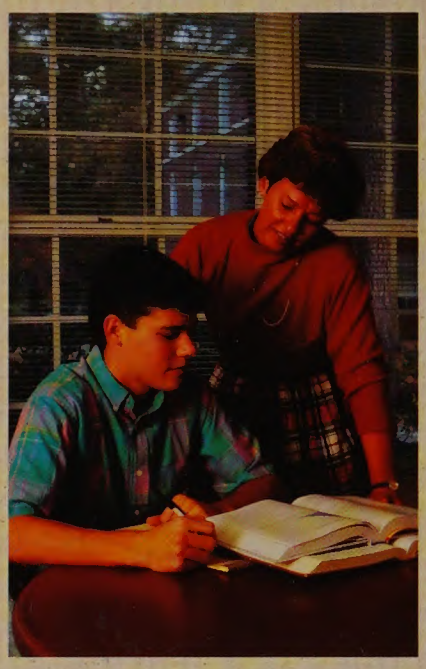
Our financial aid, for example, is a reflection of that commitment. We work to ensure that any student who is qualified for Centenary can afford to attend. We provide more than 1,280 scholarships for less than 850 undergraduates. Three of every four Centenary students receive some form of financial aid. This commitment, combined with out outstanding academic program, led *Money Guide* Magazine to rate Centenary as one of the best educational values in the nation.

Professors here go the extra mile. It's not unusual for them to give students their home numbers, or to hold night-time review sessions, or provide one-on-one help outside of the classroom.

And to help you plan ahead, the Career Development Center can provide invaluable counseling, information on job openings and internships, interviews with corporate recruiters, and help with resume writing and job-search skills.

"I was sick once and missed class, and my professor called to see how I was. That would never happen at a large university. It's just the special attention I received here. Centenary teachers really care."
–Dana Jeffcoat, Centenary 1990

The First Step

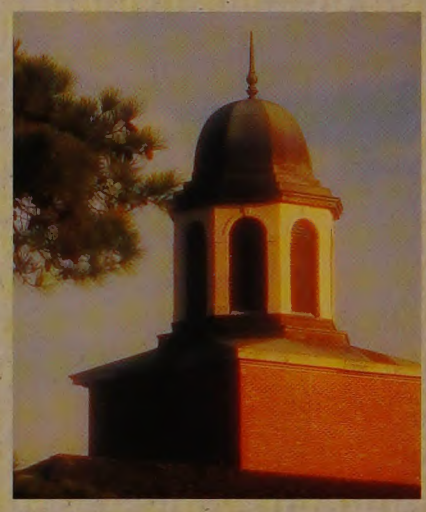


"Try not to become a man of success but rather try to become a man of value."
–Albert Einstein

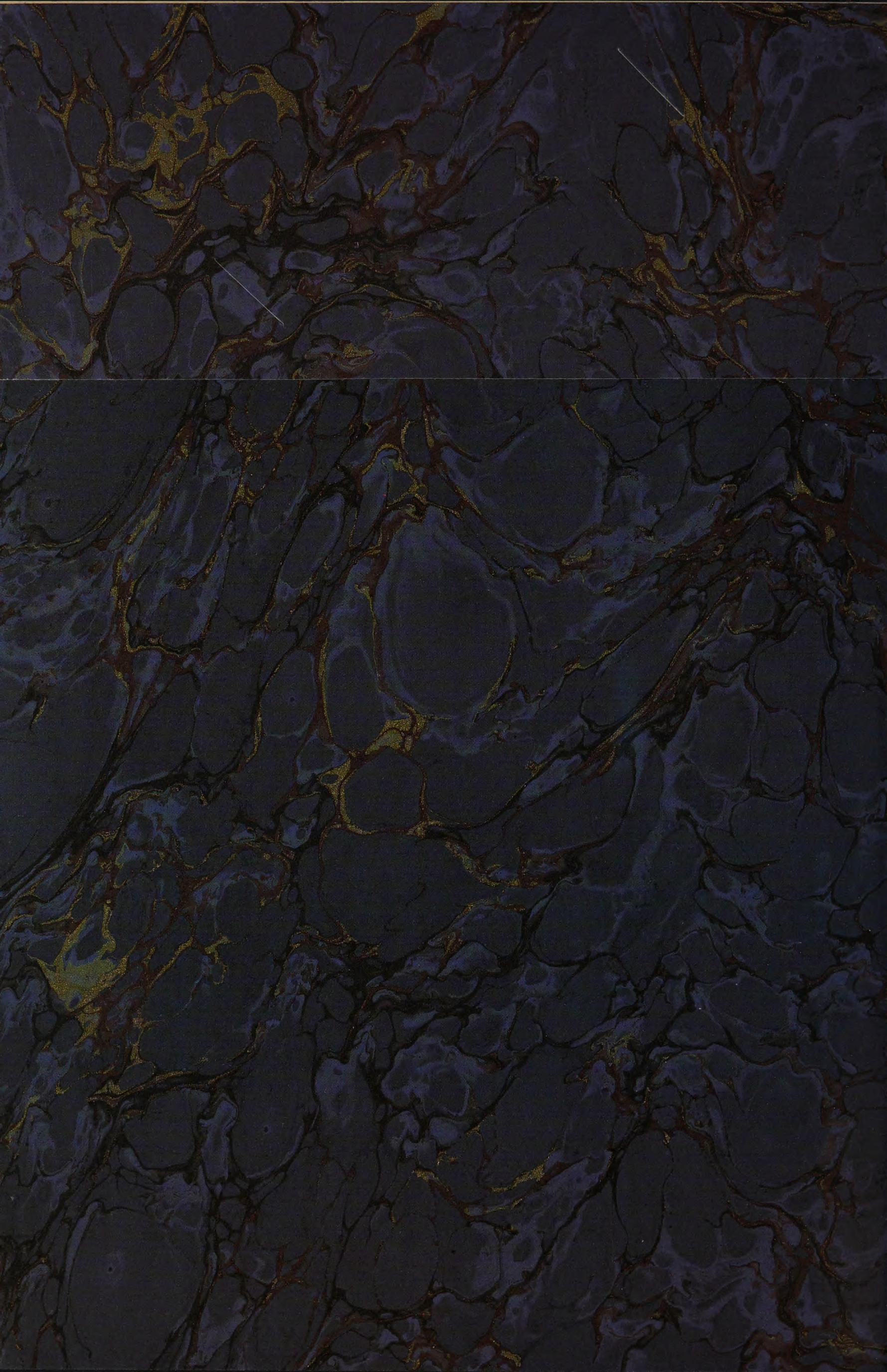
We recommend a high school curriculum that includes four years of English, three years of social science, three years of mathematics, three years of laboratory science, and two years of a foreign language.

Along with your application, we ask you to submit:
• An official transcript from all high schools and colleges you have attended. • ACT or SAT scores. • An essay. • A list of your extra-curricular activities. • A letter of recommendation from one of your teachers or a counselor. • An interview.

The first step, however, is a visit. To fully appreciate the uniqueness of Centenary College, we suggest you see it for yourself. You'll have a chance to attend classes, visit with students and professors, and talk to admissions and financial aid counselors. After visiting, you'll have a better idea of whether Centenary is right for you.



To schedule a visit – or for more information – call Caroline Kelsey, Director of Admissions, at 800-234-4448 or 318-869-5131. We look forward to showing you how Centenary can be more than an education. It's the experience of a lifetime.



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